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1. Groups of foreigners, predominantly of Polish [redacted] and Czechoslovakian origin, have been observed in the vicinity of Magdeburg and Dessau. It is rumored among the native population that they are members of political units which are to help the SED in crushing "reactionary" elements. Some are employed in factories in Dessau, where they act as spies and give political instruction to those workers designated by trade union officials. If the instruction proves to be insufficient, they often threaten the worker concerned with physical violence; and they are believed responsible for the disappearance of several factory employees.
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- Comment: [redacted] these foreigners were imported by the Russians in order to assist in the instigation of political agitation if an anticipated drop of German interest in the SED actually occurs.)

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2. Other [redacted] seen similar groups of foreigners in the Elsterwerda-Grossenhain-Riesa-Dresden area. These people, who designate themselves as members of an "international brigade" are recruiting Germans to form a political brigade. Persons who enlist must be SED members; they are issued regular Russian army rations and are quartered in camps located in Schkeuditz, Elsterwerda, Rötchenbroda, Erfurt, Senftenberg, and Chemnitz.

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